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Have found a small boat to conduct us, with many passengers from neighboring hotels, to a sandy beach called Palma Nova, forty-five minutes distant. The swimming is delicious, and the water has been aptly described as "velvety". I should imagine its temperature to be about 70 degrees. After bathing, one can have fresh white wine and large grilled shrimps at a little bar before reboating for the Maricel.

To Palma this afternoon, where we roamed the streets. Some fine baroque palaces and churches in this capital of 150,000 people. The main avenue reminds one of the Cours Mirabeau at Aix-en-Provence. Palma itself deserves several days of sightseeing.

Gasoline is [redacted] expensive here, the taxis are rickety, and private cars few.

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